(*f*) There was only one petition to the Taluk Amildar praying that the two wells inside the village be deepened. As these wells are very deep already and yet there is no water in them, no useful purpose would be served by deepening them. The restoration of the tank close to the village has been taken up on the representation of the villagers and, with its completion, the present complaint of drinking water for men and cattle will entirely disappear.

Rao Sahib M. RAMASWAMY (Mysore City Municipality).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) since how long has rural improvement scheme been in force;

(*b*) the number of villages in the State;

(*c*) how many of these villages have been improved?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—

A.—26. (*a*) The question has received special attention from the year 1914.

(*b*) 16,433 villages, according to the Census of 1931.

(*c*) All the villages have been benefited by the scheme. 256 villages have been selected for concentrated propaganda.

MR. K. NANJAPPA (Mysore City Municipality).—

Q.—27. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many students of the Kiruganiga community are studying in Colleges;

(*b*) the facilities afforded to them by Government;

(*c*) how many of them are graduates;

(*d*) how many of them are employed in Government service;

(*e*) whether there are any in the Gazetted ranks?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

A.—27. (*a*) Information is not available.

(*b*) The students of the community are eligible for Backward Class Community Scholarships and Free-studentships.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) 26, including 7 in inferior service.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH (Maddur Taluk).—

Q.—28. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when and to what extent Irwin Canal water was made available in the taluks of Mandya, Maddur, Seringapatam and Malavalli;

(*b*) the number of births and deaths of children in each of these taluks every year, prior to the advent of the Irwin Canal;

(*c*) the number of births and deaths of children after the advent of the Irwin Canal (talukwar and yearwar);

(*d*) how many persons had enlargement of spleen as a result of Malaria in each of these taluks after the advent of the Irwin Canal (yearwar and talukwar);